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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG PHOTO FLIGHT

REFS: (A) STATE 23438; (B) BONN 1700

1. AFTER FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AMONG BERLIN MISSIONS,
US CHIEF CONTROLLERS WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH DEPUTY
CONTROLLERS MET SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER FEB 3 TO
DELIVER ORAL RESPONSE PROPOSED REF B WITH CHANGE OF
WORD "ELEMENT" TO "ELEMENTS".

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2. SOVIET DID NOT REJECT RESPONSE BUT SAID HE EXPECTED HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD BE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WESTERN PROVISION FOR RADIO CONTACT BETWEEN BARTCC AND INTERFLUG PHOTO FLIGHT AS PREREQUISITE TO SAFETY OF FLIGHT GUARANTEE WHEN BARTCC HAD BEEN ABLE IN PAST SAFELY TO CONTROL WESTERN TRAFFIC IN BCZ WITHOUT RADIO CONTACT WITH INTERFLUG TRAFFIC. US CHIEF ACKNOWLEDGED IT WAS PROBABLY TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE FOR OTHER AIRCRAFT TO BE GUIDED AWAY FROM INTERFLUG FLIGHT, BUT THAT FLIGHT SAFETY COULD ONLY BE GUARANTEED IF FLIGHT WERE UNDER BARTCC CONTROL.

3. SOVIET CHIEF DWELT AT SOME LENGTH ON IMPORTANCE OF PHOTO PROJECT TO DEVELOPMENT AND WELFARE OF "CAPITAL OF GDR". HE ALSO SUGGESTED LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE IF INTERFLUG FLIGHT WERE IN RADIO CONTACT WITH BARTCC. US CHIEF TURNED ASIDE FIRST POINT AS INRRELEVANT TO FLIGHT SAFETY. REGARDING SECOND POINT, HE NOTED THAT ENGLISH WAS LANGUAGE OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION AND WAS IN STANDARD USE IN BASC AND ALLIED AIR SPACE.

4. BRITISH DEPUTY SUGGESTED "LISTENING OUT" AS COMPROMISE SOLUTION, BUT US CHIEF (ON BASIS OF PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS FROM BONN AND IN ACCORD WITH AGREED TEXT, REF B) POINTED OUT THAT EAST GERMAN AIRCRAFT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BARTCC INSTRUCTIONS WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE FLIGHT SAFETY.

5. SOVIET CHIEF OFFERED THAT PHOTO FLIGHT WOULD OF COURSE OPERATE AT FIXED ALTITUDES WHICH COULD BE AGREED TO BETWEEN SOVIET AND WESTERN SIDES IN ADVANCE. US CHIEF AGREED TO REFER MATTER TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

6. COMMENT: WE INTEND TO STICK TO OUR POINT THAT IF BASC IS TO GUARANTEE FLIGHT SAFETY, INTERFLUG FLIGHTS IN BCZ SHOULD BE IN RADIO CONTACT WITH BARTCC. IF SOVIETS REFUSE THIS CONDITION, THEY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FLIGHT INFO INFORMALLY

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WHICH WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO BARTCC ALTHOUGH BASC WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE GUARANTEED FLIGHT SAFETY. GEORGE

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